Dewan.—If the local bodies concerned are prepared to meet the expenses of holding the conference, Government have no objection to consider the proposal favourably.

Second Member of Council.—Let the local bodies concerned send up a resolution in favour of the conference for the consideration of Government.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In Bangalore City, the subject was brought up before the Municipal Council after the approval of the Managing Committee and it was resolved that arrangements may be made for the holding of a conference very early.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—In case it is decided to hold a conference, no subscriptions should be raised from the people.

Dewan.—Detailed proposals from the Bangalore City Municipal Council are awaited.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Non-official President for Municipalities.

Messrs. Bharisanna Tippeswami, Molakalmuru Municipality; G. Girimaji Rao, Kolar Taluk, and Rangaswami Chetty, Magadi Taluk.

Messrs. Rangaswami Chetty and Syed Khaja Peeran.—The system of having a non-official Vice-President for a Municipal Council under the Amildar-President is not working satisfactorily as the latter is reluctant to allow the non-official Vice-President to carry out his duties without constant interference from himself. It would therefore be far better to have the Deputy Commissioner of the District as President rather than the Amildar.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao.—Both in the case of Municipal Councils as well as in the case of Taluk Boards, it is desirable to have officials alone or non-officials alone for the place of President and Vice-President and not have an official President and a non-official Vice-President or *vice versa* as such a system is not found to work smoothly in practice.

Second Member of Council.—The policy of having non-official Vice-Presidents for Municipal Councils as well as Local Boards is only of recent origin and a fair trial should be given to it before changing the same. It is not expedient to make the Deputy Commissioner the President of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in preference to a local officer.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Modification of Rules for the election of members to Taluk Boards.

Mr, Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Mr. Sampangi Ramayya.—The system of electing members to Taluk Boards from Village Panchayets should be altered as it gives a representation to small units of 200 or 250 people. Similarly the grouping of villages into four circles for each taluk should also be discontinued. Each hobli should be divided into two groups.

(2) The number of elected members should always be more than the number of nominated and official members.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Extension of franchise to women.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. Gopalswami Iyer.—The Madras Government has nominated Mrs. Devadoss as a Member of the Madras Corporation. There are some women Councillors in Nellore and Bellary Municipalities who have obtained their seats by nomination. They are doing satisfactory work. Our Government also may extend similar privileges to women in Mysore.